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COTRANSPORTER NUCLEIC ACIDS AND  
POLYPEPTIDES AND THERAPEUTIC AND  
SCREENING METHODS USING SAME  
Our Ref. No. 1242/26/2

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Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

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2. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) in duplicate;
3. Copies of cited references (1 reference); and
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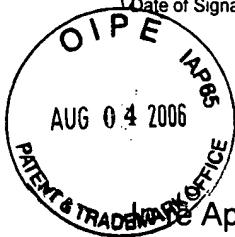
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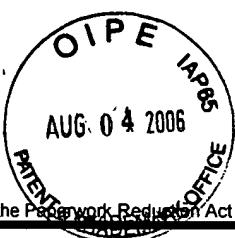
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